

Many Regional Educators Get Pay Boosts; Dr. Dyer Is Renamed for Fifth Full Term

Emphasis on better pay for the teachers of America's youth was noted in yesterday's elections of educational system leaders in Northeastern Pennsylvania's counties, cities, boroughs and townships with the granting of salary increases ranging from \$200 to \$1,000.

Results of elections in Lackawanna and nearby counties follow:

LACKAWANNA: Thomas Francis was reelected to his sixth successive four-year term as County Superintendent by School Directors of 27 fourth-class districts at the Court House. His salary was increased from \$7,500 to \$8,500.

Reappointed as assistant superintendent was Robert Northup, whose salary was boosted from \$5,000 to \$5,500 annually. He has served in his present capacity for 20 years.

Dr. A. P. Gardner, Elmhurst, presided at the quadrennial convention. Henry Spencer, Greenfield, was secretary.

Superintendent Francis, an educator the past 38 years, holds a master of arts degree from Columbia University and the Teachers College Professional Diplomas for School Superintendents. He was president of the State Education Association in 1938, and also is governor of the 177th District, Rotary.

WYOMING: School Directors of this county's board renamed Edwin H. Kehrli, Factoryville, as superintendent and increased his salary from \$4,000 to \$4,800.

Reelected as assistant superintendent was Lester Squires, Tunkhannock, whose salary was boosted from \$3,000 to \$4,000. Superintendent Kehrli was sworn in by President Judge Edward B. Farr.

WAYNE: Homer B. Ammerman, Honesdale, who has served as Assistant County Superintendent of Schools the past 14 years, was elevated to the superintendency. The position pays \$4,500 annually.

Superintendent Ammerman succeeds A. H. Howell, veteran Wayne County educator, who retires July 1 after serving 25 years as superintendent.

Mr. Ammerman was born in Salem Township, Wayne County, and is a graduate of West Chester State Teachers College, Penn State College and New York University.

He is Wayne County director of the Pennsylvania Forensic and Music League, a member of the Pennsylvania State Association of County Superintendents and of the Constitution Revision Committee for revising the constitution of the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

He has been president of the Wayne County Schoolmen's Club, president of the Wayne County Branch, PSEA, and past commander of Maj. David McKelvey Peterson Post, American Legion, Honesdale.

SUSQUEHANNA: Meeting at Montrose High School, 132 School Directors elected Wayne E. Webster, Montrose, as county superintendent, succeeding Frank A. Frear, also of Montrose, who is retiring after serving in that position the past 12 years.

The new superintendent, who had been assistant superintendent the last 16 years, will receive \$4,500 annually.

Named as assistant superintendent was Clinton Smith, Harford Vocational School, who will receive \$3,500 a year.

The retiring superintendent, Professor Frear, previously had been principal at Montrose High School for 10 years. He has been active as an educator 40 years.

Edgar P. Frear, Montrose, a son of Susquehanna County's retiring superintendent, was reappointed as supervisor of special education for the Counties of Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wyoming.

Professor Frear, renamed at the quadrennial conventions of School Directors in the respective counties, receives \$3,500 from the state. In addition, he receives \$200 from Lackawanna, \$200 from Susquehanna and \$100 from Wyoming.